the State envisaged in the national Housing Policy related to:—

(i) assisting all people to secure affordable shelter;

(ii) facilitating the flow of finance to the housing sector;

(iii) increasing the availability to serviced land for housing;

(iv) developing and propagating appropriate cost effective technologies and building materials;

(v) creating an enabling environment for increased housing activities through removal of legal conutrints;

(vi) augmenting infrastructure facilities for better environment in human settlements.

The basic goals enunciated in the National Housing Policy include reducing houselessness, providing larger supply of developed land and finance to different income groups, promoting use of appropriate and energy saving building materials and cost effective construction technologies, assisting in the upgradation of all unserviceable houses in rural and urban areas, and providing the minimum level of basic services and amenities to ensure a healthy environment within the framework of integrated development of rural and urban settlements.

(c) Recognising the fact thai the rent control laws in many States have resulted in a freez on rents, very low return in investment and difficulty in resuming possession, thereby affecting investment in rental housing and causing deterioration in renfal housing stock, the Central Gov-ermnent has formulated a Model Rent Control Legislation with the objective of balancing the interests of landlords and tenants, premitting periodic revision of rent, ensuring better maintenance and speeding up the adjudication of disputes. The Model Legislation was forwarded to the State Governments with the advice to adopt the same or amend their existing laws on the lines of the Model legislation with such modification, as may be necessary, to suit local conditions. Further action in this regard lies with the State Governments.

ग्रिडों के अन्तर्राज्य सम्पर्क द्वारा बिजली का बनाया जाना

757. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 3 दिसंबर, 1996 के "पायनियर" में "इन्टर स्टेट लिंक ऑफ ग्रिडस केन सेव 10,000 मे० वा० पावर एक्सपर्ट" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सही है कि देश में विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय ग्रिडों को आपस में जोड़ देने से 10,000 मेगावाट बिजली बचाई जा सकती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई प्रभावी उपाय किए हैं?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० एस० वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) दिसम्बर, 1991 में कराए गए एक अध्ययन से यह पता लगा है कि विद्यमान और नई परोक्षण लाइनों का पूर्ण सीमा तक उपयोग करने से 52000 मीडब्ल्यू अतिरिक्त शक्यता का समुपयोजन किया जा सकेगा जो 10000 मे०वा० विद्युत के बराबर है।

(ग) और (घ) पावरग्रिड कार्पोरेशन ने अंतःक्षेत्रीय संयोजन लाइनों के माध्यम से क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने के लिए एक योजना तैयार की है। उत्तरी और पश्चिमी क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने के लिए 500 मे०वा० की एचवीडीसी बैक-टू-बैक लाईन विन्ध्याचल में पहले ही प्रचालनाधीन है। दो अन्य लिंक यथा पश्चिमी और दक्षिणी क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने वाला 1000 मे०वा० का चन्द्रपुर एचवीडीसी बैक-टू-बैक तथा पूर्वी और दक्षिणी क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने वाला बिहार बैक-टू-बैक वर्तमान में निर्माणाधीन है और इनके क्रमशः वर्ष 1998 में चालू हो जाने की प्रत्याशा है उत्तरी और पूर्वी क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने वाला सासाराम स्थित एक 500 मे०वा० का बैक-टू-बैक लिंक का पहले ही अनुमोदन कर दिया गया है और इसके पूर्वी क्षेत्रीय के संयोजन चालू हो

जाने की प्रत्याशा है। जैसे ही अतिरिक्त विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता विकसित कर ली जाती है अन्य बड़े लिंकों पर कार्य आरंभ हो जाएगा।

Servey of people living below poverty line

758. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted recently to assess the percentage of people living below the poverty line in each State;

(b) if so, the State-wise figures of percentage of such population;

(c) whether it is a fact that the percentage of people living below the poverty line in Eastern part of country is more, with North East being the worst; and

(d) if so, details of criteria being adopted for such assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Planning Commission estimates incidence of poverty at national and state level using the quinquennial survey data (large surveys) on hosehold consumption expenditure released by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The last such survey was conducted in 1993-94 (50th round of NSS).the results of the survey are under process.

Development of marketing infrastructure for processed food

756. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering modernisation of traditional wholesale and retail marketing of processed food to carry larger loads, in the wake of globalisation;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard in the post liberlisation era and results achieved thereunder, Statewise;

(c) the details of schemes/projects proposed to develop marketing infrastructural facilities and funds provided during the current year; and

(d) the details of international aid available for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any units directly in any State. However, under the Plan Schemes being operated by the Ministry, financial assistance is provided to State Government Organisations, Joint Sector/Assisted Sector Unite/ Cooperatives/non-Governmental Organisations etc. in respect of proposals for setting up/upgradation/modernisation of existing units including development of marketing infrastructural facilities for modernisation of marketing of processed foods. No State specific allocation of fund is made under these Plan Schemes.

(d) The European Economic Community Assisted Project for Horticultural Development including processing of fruits and vegetables is under implementation in Kerala.

Refusal of CIL to supply washed coal to Hinduja's Power Project

760. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hinduja's Rs. 4,100 crore thermal power project proposed at Visakhapatnam has run into serious difficulties as coal India Ltd. has refused to supply washed coal;

(b) if so, whether Government have urged the CIL to provide necessary coal required for the Vizag Plant;

c) if so, to what extent they have agreed; and (d) if not, the main reasons therefor?